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## HEARINGS ON BUS FRANCHISE TO BE RESUMED AUG. 29

The California Railroad Commission hearings in Grass Valley upon three applications for bus franchise between Marysville and Camp Beale in Yuba County, and Grass Valley and Nevada City in Nevada County, adjourned last week until August 29th. Three more days, it was estimated, will be required to complete the hearing.

The postponement was caused by pressing engagements of attorneys for both the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and for the Gibson Lines, two of the applicants and by the fact that Leo Paul the commissioner's referee has appointments for other hearings that intervene.

The hearing closed Friday after additional details had been supplied by witnesses for the Gibsons Lines of the financial transaction under which that bus company claims to have taken an option on the rights formerly held by Frank E. Bayes.

Frank E. Bayes, who hold the railroad commission's certificate for the right to carry passengers and express parcels between Marysville and Nevada County communities, was a witness Thursday. It developed that he, turned over the operation of his station wagon stage to two persons of Marysville and left in September for employment in war industries in Southern California.

In recent weeks, however, according to testimony submitted the Gibson Lines, operating several bus lines in the Sacramento Valley undertook to find Bayes and to purchase his rights. Warren Shindler, one of the witnesses for Gibson Lines made a trip south, found Bayes and submitted an offer.

This, according to Douglas Brookman, attorney for the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Company, which is an applicant for the franchise, was all done after, to all practical purposes, Bayes had abandoned the line. Brookman called attention to the fact that it was only after the Nevada County Narrow Gauge had filed an application that Gibson Lines became interested and filed their application.

Earlier testimony by Vernon Stoll president of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, was to the effect that when the chamber attempted to interest the Gibson Lines in establishing bus service between the Yuba and Nevada County communities, more than a year ago, the chamber met with no success.

## NEVADA CITY PROMINENT IN SATEVEPOST

In glancing over the Saturday Evening Post of July 8th it would almost seem as if it was for Nevada City and the county'y own. The cover was drawn by John Atherton, husband of Nathelle Breese, Her mother, Mrs. F. Breese resides in the old home on Commercial street. The cover picture was a clown, "Keeping Posted" John Atherton is mentioned and the name of his wife given, stating she is a western girl. On page 822 is a story of the invasion of Europe on D-Day in which the steamship McCook is in the spearhead of the invasion. Tom Legg, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Legg, of Nevada street, is a chief petty officer on this trip. On page 23 is a story by David Lamson, writer who resides south of Glenbrook and Nevada City.

### Don Bosworth Wounded In Normandy Invasion

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bosworth have received a letter stating that their son, Sgt. Don Bosworth, who has been in France since the invasion, was wounded in an arm by machine gun fire.

He wrote his parents that he is improving steadily since he was wounded June 21st, and that there is no need to worry. He said his battalion was to be cited by President Roosevelt and that he would receive the Purple Heart.

## WOMAN HURT IN HEAD ON CRASH

Mrs. William J. Harvey suffered a broken leg, broken clavicle, and deep cut across her forehead early yesterday morning when the car her husband was driving collided almost head on with a car driven by Samuel H. Thompson of Smartville, Yuba County, at the intersection of the Dog Bar Road and the Grass Valley-Auburn highway at LeBarr Meadows.

Highway Patrolcan George Hammill reports that Harvey, home on leave from the navy was driving east on the highway, when Thompson going west crossed in front of him, attempting to enter the Dog Bar road. Both cars he said were almost totally wrecked. Mrs. Harvey, an expectant mother, was taken to the Community Hospital, suffering from severe shock in addition to her other injuries. The drivers of the two cars were practically unhurt.

## NEAL O'DONNELL TAKES CHARGE OF IDAHO MARYLAND

Neal O'Donnell, who has just assumed the management of the Idaho Maryland Mines Company, does not look for any immediate advance in the price of gold.

"In fact," said O'Donnell, "I think anyone who will stop to think would come to that conclusion. While we are at war and the government is selling bonds to finance it, it would seem entirely out of order to increase the price of gold, and depreciate the value of the dollar for all those who have put their money in war bonds. It doesn't seem reasonable that any government would do that."

O'Donnell was in charge of the base metals section of the WPB and the importation of mercury, tin and aluminum ores. Prior to that he was manager of the Compania Minera Uniwicado del Cerro de Potosi in Bolivia. His first years in Bolivia were spent as manager of Compania Juan Chaca de Bolivia a silver lead and zinc property. He has had experience in gold dredging at Murray, Idaho, where he was employed several years ago by the Yukon Mining Company.

O'Donnell was chosen by Errol MacBoyle, vice president and director of the Idaho Maryland to take the post of Bert Crase, who wished to retire and resigned last month. Crase is retained as consulting engineer.

While the government is cutting back production in mercury, aluminum, and to some extent, copper, O'Donnell is not optimistic regarding early resumption of gold mining anywhere. He said that the Idaho Maryland is permitted to employ 200 miners but thus far has been unable to obtain them. At present there are amout 60 men on the payroll, and of these some are office employes. The others are employed almost solely for maintenance purposes and there are not enough of them to meet the need.

## BRITISH WAR RELIEF CANTEENS READY FOR D DAY

A report from the British War Relief Society received today by Vernon Stoll, chairman of the Nevada County War Chest, reveals that American made mobile canteens were overhauled this spring in preparation for D-Day and probably have been put into operation by now on the mainland of Europe.

Ten canteens were ready for shipment prior to invasion day, the report states. "Kitchens on wheels," the vehicles make possible the serving of hot drinks and refreshments in battle sectors.

In making public the report, the chairman emphasized the fact that contributions made to the local fund raising campaign are helping the British War Relief Society to carry on its vital wartime work. The British relief organization is one of 19 war related agencies included in the nation wide war chest appeal.

## EDUCATION NEED IN POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

SACRAMENTO, July 10—Declaring the thinking of parents is greatly influenced by their children and that messages should be sent into the homes concerning the general apathy of the citizenry in regards to registering and voting, Frank M. Jordan, secretary of state, today urged a "political education week" in California's educational institutions.

Jordan, in a letter to Governor Earl Warren, asked the governer to issue a proclamation setting aside such a week and pointed out school authorities undoubtedly would endorse such action.

"It is understandable that in times of stress, as at present, our citizens are thinking of things that are more directly affecting their lives and overlooking the future effects of this apparent lack of interest in voting," the secretary of state wrote the governor.

"As I see it, it is our duty as executive state officers to do everything within our power to bring to the attention of our citizens a realization of the importance of exercising their right of franchise, but nothing concrete has been done to forcibly bring the matter to their attention.

"The plan I have in mind would start with a proclamation by you calling for a 'political education week', During this period classes in civics and political science in all our high schools, junior colleges and universities would take up in detail the process of registration and the conducting of elections. The importance of registering and voting, would of course, be stressed in these classes.

"I feel the thinking of parents is greatly influenced by their children and such a plan would bring a message into the home that should have effect.

"Success of the plan would necessarily require the cooperation of the school authorities and this, I am sure, would be given if you would make the suggestion."

Jordan said the most effective date to hold these classes would be during an election year and before the close of registration. He suggested the week beginning September 18th for this year's "political education week."

## VERNON SANDOW TO BE NEW CHIEF

Vernon F. Sandow has been nominated to be chief of the Nevada City Fire Department, to succeed Garfield Robson, retiring. The election will be held July 31.

By custom Nevada Hose Company and Pennsylvania Engine Company, the organizations within the department, alternate in nominating the chief. Sandow was assistant chief of the Pennsylcania company. A resolution of appreciation for the services of Robson for the year was adopted.

## NOR. CALIFORNIA BOND DRIVE IS SHORT OF QUOTA

SAN FRANCINSCO, July 10—Although the official closing day of the Fifth War Loan drive has passed, men and women of Northern California still have an opportunity of averting their threatened failure in achieving the goal set for sales to individuals.

This was pointed out today in a strongly worded statement issued by W. W. Crocker, chairman of the treasury's war finance committee for northern California.

Crocker explained that all individual sales of series E. F and G bond and series C tax notes, reported to the federal reserve bank by July 31 will be credited to Northern California quota for individuals, leaving the state still three weeks to avert impending failure.

The drive closed with Northern California still far short of the goal set for buying of bonds by individuals.

## CALIDA LUMBER CO. SEEKS SPOT TO BUILD TOWN

DOWNIEVILLE, July 10—Harry W. Camp, Jr., in charge of resource management of the Tahoe National Forest, R. F. Bonnet and Fred Grover of the forest service, last week made a survey of possible sites where workers in the Calida Lumber Company's plant at Brandy City may live.

These men met with Ranger F. B. Delaney of Downieville, and Fred Baumhoff, manager of the lumber company in Indian Valley on the North Yuba River, and inspected places where topography, drainage and water supply and other factors seemed most favorable. The Calida company proposes to build 40 or 50 houses for the accommodation of employes when the mills are completed and the plant settles down to capacity production.

## DE WITT HOSPITAL NEEDS 300 MORE CIVILIAN HELPERS

AUBURN, July 10—The ceiling on civilian employees and enlisted men at the DeWitt General Hospital has been increased from 638 to 1162 in anticipation of full strength operation of the Auburn army hospital within a short time.

Col. William H. Smith commanding officer of the DeWitt, announced that 300 additional civilian employees will be needed at the hospital. This includes clerical help, mess attendants, ward attendants, laundry workers, janitors, gardeners and laborers. Any local person who wishes a job in these classifications should contact the personnel office at the hospital.

Patients at the DeWitt Hospital totaled 515 last Friday with 78 additional scheduled to arrive shortly.

The institution will be classified as an amputation center on August 1. The local army hospital had previously been classified as a neurosurgical center, vasculo-surgical center, and neruo-psychiatric center.

Population of the hospital Friday totaled 1,175. This population was divided as follows: Patients 515; enlisted men 261; commissioned offiers 136; and civilians 263.

## ALFRED KRAMM TO RETIRE FROM BUSINESS

Alfred Kramm, retiring president of the Grass Valley Rotary Club and local jeweler, has announced that he will retire. During this spring Kramm observed his 34th business anniversary in Grass Valley.

Reasons assigned for retiring were that merchandise is now so hard to obtain to give his patrons the service in which he had always taken pride. Kramm built a new home on Broadview Heights shortly before the war began and expects to continue his residence here.

## LEGION AND AUXILIARY WILL SEAT OFFICERS

There will be a joint installation by Hague, Thomas, Hegarty Post, American Legion and its auxiliary, tomorrow evening in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Succeeding Commander Matt DePauli will be Gene Chester and for Betty McDermott, retiring auxiliary president, Myra Burgen will take office. District vice president, Vinita Jones will be the installing officer for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Otto Schiffner and Mrs. Etta Los Kamp left Saturday for a few days visit in San Francisco with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schiffner.

## ICE CREAM FOR SOLDIERS ALONG PERSIAN ROUTE

WASHINGTON, July 10—A vivid first hand picture of Red Cross service along the impressive lend lease supply line across Persia to Russia was recently described by James E. Day, American Red Cross field man of West Medford, Mass., upon his return to the United States after sixteen months in the Middle East.

For six months, Daly traversed the 360 mile desert and mountainous stretch over which materials were sped to supply the Russian offensives of the past year. The road was mostly dirt, like other historic camel horse routes of the region. At the Soviet border, American drivers turned over their trucks to Russian drivers for the last part of the journey to their own army's supply depots.

American engineers and mechanics at isolated stations along this route maintained the steady flow of mechanized traffic. It was for these men cut off from other army units, that Daly made his fourteen day treks, his converted truck following heavily loaded army vehicles on the long push. Army chaplains often rode with him going up the line to minister to the servicemen.

Daly knew what these servicemen wanted. Ice cream was high on their priority list. He carried large hand churns, operating them even when temperatures soared above 100 degrees. The army had a virtual monopoly on ice, but obliging—and ice cream hundry — soldiers would see that quantities of ice "just happened to be" at places his clubmobile was to pass.

It was not long before the churns turning gears, made of cheap cast aluminum, wore out. No more aluminum was to be had, but army engineers who wanted their ice cream managed to fix the gears. Daly showed American movies in the wilderness. On one occasion the screen was damaged by a strong wind. Again army engineers repaired the damage.

"The Burma road had nothing on the supply line to Russia," Daly commented. "The soldiers maintaining that line had two enemies—loneliness and the heat."

## GOV. COST IN 58 COUNTIES OVER HALF BILLION

SACRAMENTO, July 10 — In a comprehensive analysis covering the detailed financial transactions of 285 cities and 58 counties of California, state controller, Harry Riley today made his official report to the taxpayers concerning the operations of local government during 1943.

Riley's figures revealed that the combined general payments for cost of government of California's cities and counties for the year ended June 30, totaled $555,265,897—a decrease of $24,075,136, or 4.15% under 1942. Combined city and county general governmental receipts for the same period totaled $552,286,910—a decrease of $9,912,870 or 1.76% under the preceding year.

Combined cost of government of 57 counties of Californai excluding the city and county of San Francisco, which was reported with the city figures totaled $373,648,354 during fiscal year 1943 a decrease of $17,803,719 or 4.55% under 1942.

County governmental costs during 1943 were summarized by Riley as follows. Education $163,691,320. Charities and corrections $109,105,----41. Debt interest and redemption $26,308,822. General government $23, 546,346. Protection to person and property $22,273,422. Highways bridges, etc $16,654,926. Health and sanitation $6,437,384. All other—$5,630,493.

### LATE POLICEMAN LEAVES OVER $10,000

Mrs. Minnie Booth has filed a petition for letters of administration of the estate of her late father, George William Fraser, Grass Valley policeman, who died June 25th. The estate is valued in excess of $10,000.

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT FARM PLANS PREPARING

Herbert Pingree of Forest Springs signed the first farmer district cooperative agreement at the regular monthly meeting of the Nevada County Soil Conservation District Directors held in Grass Valley on July 5. This agreement includes a farm plan which provides for district assistance in establishing irrigated pastures, planting a field to alfalfa, making an irrigation layout for the farm and other conservation measures.

Clarence Gassaway, district president, reported that eleven other applications for farm plans are on file in the district office and that these plans are being made as fast as possible.

Gassaway also stated that several additional applications from farmers interested in the districts brush burning program are needed now in order that plans can be completed by the end of next month at which time the burns are to be made.

The district directors also approved their annual work plan which is a statement of the work the district expects to accomplish during the fiscal year which began July 1. As expressed in their work plan it is thought that the conservation survey, now half done, will be completed; eighteen or twenty farm plans such as Pingree's will be finished, and the brush clearing program underway.

The Nevada County Soil Conservation district directors meet at 8:30 p. m. on the first Weednesday of each month at 109 South Auburn Street in Grass Valley and farmers interested in the soil conservation program are invited to attend.

## WAR PRISONERS IN PHILIPPINES GET BETTER DEAL

Expansion of the work of War Prisoners Aid of the YMCA may be expected as a result of the state department announcement that Japan has agreed to the purchase of relief supplies totalling $25,000 a month for war prisoners and civilians internees in the Philippines, according to word received today by Vernon Stoll, chairman of the Nevada County War Chest, from Tracy Strong, general secretary of the YMCA War Prisoners Aid.

One of the 19 war relief and welfare organizations which receives support from the local fund raising organization. War Prisoners Aid recently was granted permission by the Japanese government to provide books, athletic equipment, and other recreational supplies to military internees in the Philippines. The organization has operated educational and recreational programs in prison camps of other belligerent nations since the outbreak of war.

Under the new plan to provide the supplies valued at $25,000 monthly to Philippine internees, actual funds for the purchases have been made available by the United States government. The work of locating supplies, purchasing, packing and distributing will be carried out by war prisoners aid.

The state department in its recent announcement of the agreement permitting limited relief for the prisoners stated that the United States government is continuing to press the Japanese government to grant full reciprocacy in this respect. In the event that wider opportunities for work with internees are afforded by Japan, War Prisoners Aid is prepared to expand it sprogram, according to the information received.

### Young Boys Catch Granddaddy Trout

Little Deer Creek, a branch of Deer Creek, which runs through Nevada City and its Pioneers Park, Saturday yielded one of the largest trout ever taken in this vicinity. Two boys, Norman Hoskings and Stanley Hollingsworth, each 12 years of age, fishing from the bridge on Nimrod street caught a speckled trout weighing three and three quarters pounds and measuring 22 1-2 inches.

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# STATE CHAMBER OPPOSES AMENDMENT TO LIMIT FEDERAL TAXES

It is being proposed that the United States Constitution be amended to provide a 25 per cent rate ceiling on federal income, estate and gift taxes. This limitation would be binding upon congress except during time of war in which event the maximum rate could be exceeded by a three fourths vote of each house.

The measure is being advocated by several organizations including the committee for constitutional government of New York, the American taxpayers association of Washington, and the western tax council of Chicago. These organizations are endeavoring to obtain the passage by state legislatures of resolutions urging congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing this amendment to the federal constitution. If two thirds of the state legislatures pas ssuch resolutions, congress is required by the constitutoin to call a constitutional convention. Amendments proposed by the convention, or directly by congress must be ratified by three-fourths of the states..

The legislatures of seventeen states have already passed resolutions petitioning congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of considering this proposed federal tax limitation amendment. These states are. Wyoming, Rhode Island, Mississippi, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Indiana, Arkansas, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Alabama, Kentucky and New Jersey. The California legislature at the recent special session failed to approve a joint resolution on this matter, but it is expected that it will come before the legislature again when it convenes in regular session next January.

**ARGUMENTS USED IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT**

Although the proponents of the measure have developed a considerable amount o literature in support of the proposed amendment, their principal arguments can be summarized as follows:

1—Continuance of the presently high rates of federal taxation in the upper brakets of income and wealth will lead eventually to confiscation the property of persons in this segment of the nation's economy and will harm teh overall system of free enterprise.

2—Reduction of presently high rates of income, estate and gift taxation is in the interests of private ownership of property and will encourage the investment of venture capital and a healthy expansion of industry.

3—Restriction of the taxing power of congress will help to preserve the financial independence of the states and to check the present trend toward ever increasing centralization of power in the federal government.

4—A constitutional amendment is a necessary vehicle to accomplish this objective because congress cannot be depended on to do this voluntarily.

**ATTITUDE OF STATE CHAMBER**

While the state chamber has for many years advocated varoius actions which would temper the effects of excessive taxation, it regards the method advanced through this proposal to be economically and governmentally unsound. In support of this position taken by the board of directors at its meeting on June 23, 1944, the following reasons are submitted:

1—There is no assurance that congress would yield to the demand for a constitutional convention or if it did that the results would be in line with the objectives of this proposal.

While the constitution requires that a constitutional convention must be called by congress in the event of formal application by two thirds of the state legislatures, no machinery exists for enforcing this requirement. Inasmuch as the proposal under consideration involves restricting the powers of congress, it is doubtful that congress would voluntarily comply with the requests for a convention. On the other hand, if congress did call a constitutional convention, such a convention could not be restricted to the consideration of this particular proposal and the outcome might be detrimental rather than helpful to the cause of tax relief. Consequently the constitutional convention procedure suggested by the proponents of this tax limiation plan is objectionable because of these uncertainties.

2—It is governmentally unsound to freeze into the United States constitution any provision the effects of which are uncertain.

It is not known definitely how much revenue would be lost to the federal tresaury under this proposal how it would affect other segments of the federal tax base or whether the limitation would attain the objectives of its sponsors. If for any reason this proposed tax limitation proved to be ill-advised or unworkable it could be removed or altered only through the cumbersome process of another constitutional amendment. Such a process sometimes takes years and it might never be achieved. In the meantime the financial structure of the government would suffer and this would be reflected in the economy of the nation.

3—The enforcement of the limitation could lead to the enactment of other taxes which would be much more detrimental to the nation's economy than the present tax system, or such modified tax structures as congress may voluntarily provide in the post war period.

Although congress might not be successful in replacing the revenue lost through the imposition of the 25% ceiling on income, estate and gift taxes, the fact that the limitation is confined to portion of the tax base would leave the way open for the enactment of substitute taxes of a very dangerous character. Congress would still have the power, for example to supplement the corporation income tax with an excise tax measured by income or by other types of corporate levies. Various excise, payroll and other special taxes could likewise be resorted to and the result could be highly destructive to business. As a result, the limitation would not assure the end of excessive tax rates and might go so far as to injure those whom it is intended to help.

4—The probable effect on revenues could lead to crippling the governmetnal srtucture, undermining governmelt credit and forcing a dislocation of the monetary system.

Despite the fact that congress would have the right to levy substitute taxes, the amount of revenue lost under the provisions of this limitation could greatly exceed the point where it could be replaced. The individual income tax during the current fiscal year will yield about $18,000,000,000 with tax rates ranging progressively from 23% to 94%. If progressive tax rates were to be retained under the limitation, they would probably be graduated from point far below the present 23% minimum with the result that the loss of revenue would probably exceed by more than half the amount now received from this source. Inasmuch as high tax rates will probably be required after the war to service the war debt, to pay veterans benefits and to provide for post war reconstruction, the drastic reduction of the individual income tax alone would place the federal treasury in a position where it might not be able to take care of its fixed obligations. Thus the measure could lead to national bankruptcy.

5—The tax limitation does not apply to spending or borrowing and therefore neglects the basis for all federal taxation.

The basis of all federal taxation is the amount of expenditures. As long as congress has unlimited powers to make appropriations and to incur indebtedness, a partial limitation on its taxing powers will not safeguard the nation's economy against the pitfalls of default, the consequences of inflation and the results of ill advised fiscal practices. If congress can be impressed with the necessity for limiting expenditures, the question of excessive taxation will be more readily solved than through a tax limitation.

6—There are other methods of correcting defects in the federal tax structure which are safer and more certain.

It is already within the power of congress to remedy any known defects in the federal government's tax machinery. It has the power to limit spending, to minimize public gorrowing and to equalize the tax burden. Congress can do what the proposed constitutional amendment would require it to do, but it could do it with due regard to all factors in the fiscal structure and it could correct its own mistakes without the cumbersome process required to change the constitution. It should be as easy to get ublic support for such legislative action by congress as it would be to get public support for such legislative constitutional amendment. The former procedure is governmentally and economically sounder and more certain of practical results.

For the above reasons the California state chamber is opposed to any proposal to amend the United States Constitution to provide a mandatory ceiling on income, estate and gift taxes.

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# BUREAUCRACY HURTS MINING INDUSTRY

(By Charles F. Willis
Editor of The Mining Journal)

After reading scholarly talks on our tax problems, and after listening to arguments for and against different methods of taxation, one fact stands out clearly—everybody and his dog must now pay sacrificial taxes and government extravagance must be cut as drastically as taxes are increased.

If we fail to do this, we admit that we prefer to pass on to the boys at the front not only the risk of life and limb, but the obligation in buying interest bearing bonds which create debt and in perpetuating every boondoggling political project while our fighting men sacrifice their lives and opportunities and families to preserve us safe from hardship at home.

The psychological approach toward maintaining production in the metal mines has been terrible. For many months and from all sides we have heard that metal production is "over the top." Great fanfare was made about granting no more lead and zinc premiums as there was no need to increase production by further price stimulation. The zinc branch of WPB told of huge stocks and talked about releasing metal to cover civilian requirements or cutting down output. It was announced that copper premiums would no longer be given consideration.

The MRC tungsten and mercury contracts were cancelled and Metals Reserve paid the penalty in cash rather than take additional ores. National publicity said that we had so much copper that it was "running out of our ears" and that WPB had to organize a sales force to get rid of some of the accmulated surplus. Another publicity story stated that 70 gold mines had been given permission to operate, indicating that men were being released to less essential mining.

All of the above and many similar things have happened in the last six months and the result has been just what could be expected—a let down in metal production all along the line. The enthusiasm which had been aroused for more and more metal production was flattened out by the statements of various government agencies. The balloon was punctured and the gas was let out—and it looks as though too much gas escaped.

Now the Powers That Be discover that they need to revive that enthusiasm and that the balloon must be blown up again. However, they are finding it mighty hard to make people believe that the situation can possibly be serious after all the ballyhoo of the past six months. They now say, positively and forcefully, that nofrerrous metal production must be maintained at 1943 levels; that stockpiles are not sufficient to take up the slack; and that war requirements of the invasion are actually not being met. No wonder producers and miners do not know what to believe.

Just when the public is being told of the great need for more metal than is being produced and urged to renewed and maximum efforts, the army steps in and says that it must now take the men and the soldiers that were furloughed to the mines. Takingthe manpower away indicates that the army has a greater need for men than for metal and again we have a government action that does not jibe with the statements that are being made. Those who think logically—or any other way—cannot reconcile the demand for increased production as being consistent with the removal of the men who make that production possible.

Meanwhile, the metal producers are in a dither. They do not know what to believe. They do not know just what is expected of them. They hear statements made that are just the opposite of other pronouncements from equally authoritative sources. They hear WPB say that the armed forces must have more metal; and then they see the armed forces induct their workmen and take away the furloughed soldiers. They likewise see that selective service regulations, relating to industries for which key men can be deferred, deliberately and intentionally omit non ferrous metal mining, indicating that the army is not nearly so much concerned over metal production as it is toward getting more able bodied men.

It is unfortunate that the various agencies of the government do not get together on a coordinated program where actions and statements are down the same alley. When statements are made through authoritative publicity channels and the action nidicate that the publicity is all the bunk, we cannot expect satisfactory results.

It is no simple matter to convert quickly from the past feeling that there is plenty to a doctrine of scarcity which required extra effort. Such conversion cannot possibly be made if the statements relating to scarcity and need are not backed by decisive and positive actions aimed toward reaching a solution. It cannot be accomplished by saying in words that we want more metal and at the same time, by action taking away the means of obtaining it.

Several years ago the mining industry blew up over the appointment of a userge cmfwyp ment of a surgeon as the director of the United States Bureau of Mines. It could not conceive what there was about training and experience in surgery that qualified a man to head the government organization that is related only to the mining industry. It was granted that Dr. Sayers was a mighty fine fellow, and undoubtedly a capable surgeon, but it was believed that a man ould have been found for the post who had some qualifications pertaining to the industry which he was proposing to serve.

Now comes another appointment in that same organization which the mining industry is not going to understand. It has been announced that George A. Lamb has been made assistant director of the United States Bureau of Mines. While he was born in an important mining state. Idaho, his nearest connection with mining prior to entering government service is that he "attended Yale university—and specialized in studies of bituminous coal freight rates structures." His previous work in government agencies included the department of agriculture and the interstate commere commission. More recent work has been as a coal statistician.

One may wonder if it has not been the fact of laymen leadership that has caused the bureau of mines to be side tracked in so much of the war effort and been responsible for the establishment of so many new and overlapping agencies pertaining to mining activities.

# PERSONALS

Harold Pingaree with the U. S. medical corps at Monterey, spent the week end holiday season in this city visiting his son, Lou Pingaree and relatives. Lou is on a fire suppression crew at Camptonville and came to this city Wednesday to visit with his father.

Miss Dorothy Sack of Piedment is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rickard on Gold Flat. Miss Sack's mother and grandparents are former Nevada City residents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McQuay of Alameda are enjoying a visit here with relatives and friends. They sold their home on the Willow Valley road recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Foreman have as guests their daughter and son in law Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Alameda, on a two weeks vacation. Also enjoying a visit in the Foreman home are Roland Judd and Misses Marjory and Hetty Clark of Alameda. The Misses Clark are nieces of Mrs. George Strach of this city.

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### CHAPTER XVIII

There were nine men in the party. Off at a distance their leader raised his hand. "United States marshal, boys. Hold back your dogs!" He came on in through the gray light, smiling, a stocky man in a black town suit. "I'm acting for the commonwealth of Keith County," he said. "Your boss here?"

Lew paced out toward him, saying nothing. He couldn't make this out. For a moment back there he had thought the same thing that was in Steve's head. The law was coming to make an arrest.

The marshal leaned across his saddle horn. "My friend," he said, "you've come a long way up from Texas. I know how long it is and hate to hold your herd up now. But we've got a dead line." He waved toward the ridge. "That's Keith County. We've got men camped for fifty miles along there with a quarantine order against all herds coming out of your state. Texas fever has been bad this year. You'll have to hold up sixty days or until the first frost."

He didn't answer. His breath had stopped. He felt like a man hearing the judge pronounce a sentence. And beside him Quarternight rumbled, "Good God! Sixty days!"

That was it—sixty days, with the contract for these longhorns' ending in less than a week.

He knew the dread of Texas fever. A Southern herd that seemed immune could spread it like wildfire among cattle in the North, killing them off by thousands. The only thing these Northern men could do was stop the trail drives. Then he saw one hope.

"You've got me in a jack pot, sure," he said. "I won't try to buck your dead line. But since this is Indian beef under government contract to reach Ogallala by the first of September I feel I'm only bound by orders of the army commandant and the Indian agent up there. They might waive the quarantine in this case."

"That might be," the marshal granted. "You needn't lose any time finding out. The army is helping us enforce this dead line. A Captain Wing of the commandant's staff is camped straight north of here on the ridge." He led his little party off to the east.

"Well, boys," Lew said, "you might as well get out your cards. There won't be any work for a while. Keep the herd from drifting too far, that's all, until I get back."

He picked up his saddle, starting toward the picketed horses, and then behind the cook's wagon he came upon Steve. He had forgotten about Steve. "They weren't looking for you," he said. Then his words struck out with no softness. "So you're a gunman now—that's it! Going to be on the jump for the rest of your life whenever a badge shows up!" He wheeled on without waiting for any answer.

Saddled and riding north, he thought back over what he had seen. It was clear enough. Ever since they had left the Little Comanche Steve had been hounded by something behind him on the trail. This morning showed it was the law he feared, and that must go back to Sheriff Rayburn, killed in Ox Bow the night the bank was robbed. If Steve had done that he knew nothing could save him. For there was a certain dumb conceit in every bad man he had known. They hadn't sense enough to see how much the game was stacked against them and could go on to a fighting end. Steve was not that dumb. He was already scared, and when a man is scared he whips himself.

On top of the ridge the little military camp made a straight neat lane of pup tents, with a flag planted in front of a larger tent at the end. A bunch of yellow-legs carrying down their horses stared at him and a sentry challenged him as he rode into the street.

He said, "I'm looking for Captain Wing." The sentry led him on.

Like Lieutenant Eaton at Doan's Crossing, Captain Wing, coming from his tent a moment later, was very young. He wore a saber and a pair of gauntlets, and his brown hair was down long beneath his campaign hat in the way the old Indian fighters had made popular for these boys. Looking stern and military, he showed his disapproval of all Texas trailmen, which had reason enough, and Lew thought, "Not much chance here."

But he gave his name and placed himself with the Cross T herd of Indian beef, then asked, "What's thirty miles, Captain, more or less? Since we've come twelve hundred to make this delivery, seems like your commandant might stretch a point and accept it right here. Why not? It's going to be scattered anyway. You won't hold it in Ogallala."

Wing thought about it, frowning. "Your contract I know," he said, "calls for delivery across the river. As far as the army is concerned I can't see that thirty miles mean anything. All we do is act as escort for the Indian agent. But I think there's where you'll run into trouble." He shrugged. "Not telling tales out of school—you know how it is. The agent deals with the Indian Supply Company, and two partners of that company are in Ogallala now, waiting for a herd of their own."

"Sure," Lew said, "the Open A. Fought me all the way up. That's why I've got to beat this quarantine. If I'm held after September first my subcontract with them is broken. They can deliver their own herd any time." He looked at the officer and thought the army was a decent outfit after all. But he knew how it was with some Indian agents. They were in a place where money could turn the game. If this one in Ogallala had been reached that way there'd be no favors for the Cross T. "You think," he asked, "it would do any good if I rode in to see your commandant?"

"No," Wing said, "you needn't do that. I'm sending a courier in this morning. I'll write a note and have an answer back sometime in the afternoon."

"All right, thanks." He moved his horse and stopped and sat, gripped between a thing he wanted to know and didn't want to know either. She had said she would write and tell him how Clay was. In the end he said, "If it isn't too much trouble your man might bring out the Cross T mail."

Riding along the ridge afterward before turning south, he could see the wide twisting line of the South Platte river bottom and almost make out the town far across the gently sloping plain. For a man to be this close, hardly a frog's jump away, compared to the trail . . . He shook his head and put that sight behind his back.

His hope was small enough, but it carried him through that afternoon, riding guard on the loosely grazing herd until he thought it was time to get his mail. Then he saw a yellow-legged trooper loping out of the north. He waved the rider over, thanked him and said there was a good poker game going in camp and was alone then with two envelopes in his hand.

He opened the brown official one of the War Department first and was not surprised, only a little heavier inside, to read that it had been determined there could be no waiver of the quarantine. The Cross T

He didn't speak, and he kept his eyes on the campfire as if he were still alone.

herd would have to be delivered one mile north of the South Platte as per contract.

The other was a gray paper of the telegraph office. She never was much on letter writing, never a girl to waste a lot of words. It was like that in this message when he opened it: "Clay recovering. Will be able to come by train soon." He counted them. Ten exactly to tell him all he needed. He didn't even have to guess. They'd be married, he knew, before they started that journey of a week together. He looked at the date. It had been sent August fifteenth. Maybe they were now.

Waiting, idle, was hard on men who had hired out for fighting and on his own hands who'd had no time to blow themselves off in Dodge. In a couple of days they had gambled on all there was to gamble on, draw and stud and blackjack; there'd been an argument about horses, settled by a race. Most of the money by this time was in Joe Wheat's and Rebel John's pockets.

He had tried not to show what the wait was doing inside himself. Yet they must have known and thanked God the responsibility of this herd wasn't on their hands. It drifted aimlessly like a ship becalmed on a flat brown sea. Only there had been a wind blowing, the wrong kind of a wind, soft and warm out of the west.

The night when he crossed August twenty-ninth from the cook's almanac was like every other. After supper, with two card games starting up around the campfire, he dragged his bedroll to Joy's wagon and sat there, smoking a cigarette with his back against the huge wheel. He watched Steve play at one of the games for a little while, saw him stand up and look around for something, then come on past the firelight.

Afterward he was able to know what brought Steve to him. But that took time. His first thought now, as Steve came on and sat down at his side without a word, was that the kid was moved by a sort of pity, and that turned him bluntly silent. He didn't speak and kept his eyes on the campfire as if he were still alone.

Yet he could see the boy's sober face a little without looking directly at it, as he settled himself on the bedroll and bent forward, his arms on his knees. It was an older face than when they had left the Little Comanche. The trail had done that. Something, a strange feeling in the quietness, made Lew turn his head. And it wasn't pity for him altogether that had brought Steve here now.

Perhaps that was part of it, a little. Steve knew he was almost licked, down under. It put them on some common ground. But what he saw in the hollowed, staring eyes was a loneliness that he understood. Let times get black enough and that was the last thing left in a man. You were born lonely, he guessed; he knew it was how you died.

There comes a time when you can't go it any longer alone. "Steve," he said and laid his arm across the drooping shoulders, "buck up. What is it, kid?" He closed his hand in a strong grip. "Get it off your mind."

There was a little wait. A whoop burst from the circle down cross-legged at the card game. From the darkness off toward the bed ground he heard Charley Storms' one guard song for all occasions, good or bad, drifting in:

"How happy am I,
From care I am free.
Oh, why cannot all
Be happy like me?"

A faint smile turned the straight set of his mouth and something in the clowning fool's song lifted the weight in him. Then Steve said, "Lew, what are you going to do?"

"Me?" He hadn't meant to talk about himself. "I don't know exactly. We can salvage something out of this. It won't all be loss. The market's gone for beef, but five dollars a head for hides and tallow, maybe." He figured it up. "That makes fifteen thousand. You can bank the money. Then there's this bunch of a thousand shes and young stuff, less two hundred the Cheyennes got. They'll start your new ranch in Wyoming. Beef is bound to pick up again. It always does after a drop." Out loud the future didn't sound so bad.

But he saw Steve move his head slowly back and forth, not looking at him. "Not for me, Lew. I told you once I can't go on." He paused, staring down. "I've got to go back."

"Back where?"

"Texas. It's like you said; I'm going to be on the jump for the rest of my life whenever a badge shows up. Once I thought I could face it like that. But I can't. I found that out the other day. I'd rather hang than be on the dodge."

It was bitter talk and a little young in its remorse, he felt, swinging too far from one side clear to the other. "Want to let me in?" he asked. "Where did it start, the bank?"

Steve nodded. "That's it. Earlier in the evening I was with the bunch who did it and rode with them up Crazy Woman afterward that night. No one would believe this. I got drunk and haven't any idea what happened in between. But they said I held the horses and killed Sheriff Rayburn when he found me. It's the word of four of them against mine."

"Now wait," Lew said. He pulled his arm from the bent shoulders. "Who were the four? Do I know them?"

"One. Ed Splann. I don't think you ever saw the other three. But they're riding with the Open A."

This didn't tell much that he had not already guessed. He let Steve wait and when no more seemed coming he asked, "Where does Clay come in?" And then to keep it straight, he added, "I'll tell you what I know. Clay let some of that bunch run off your father's horses at the start. That put the traitor's brand on him right there."

Steve's head turned beside him sharply. "Lew, it wasn't that! Clay tried to stand in front of me and got caught himself. I know how you feel about him. You've had plenty of reason to hate him on the trail. But after the robbery I let Clay know the fix I was in. Ed Splann and the other three hadn't joined the Open A. They were only drifting friends I'd picked up. Clay made a deal with them to get clean out of the country with what they knew I'd done. Their price was twenty head of saddle stock. I know now it was a blunder. They didn't leave and came back for more, and then riding north with the Open A, they could hold over both of us all they knew. Hadn't you thought of that?"

No, he hadn't, not Clay's part, trying to help Steve; and it held him silently thinking you could never wholly judge any man. Clay, he had thought before, had his tail in some kind of a crack. Tracing it through those unexplainable times of letting Splann run him and seeming only trying to block the Cross T herd, he could see now how Clay was acting under the Open A's threat of knowing that Steve Arnold had killed a man. It was like Clay, though, to make one blunder and then horn in deeper in his bullish way.

"Lew," Steve was saying, "you should've let me go into Dodge when Clay did. That was my fight. We'd talked about it. If we got Splann and the other three in a corner we'd wipe them out."

"If Clay thought that," he said, "something broke loose in his brain! But he's getting along all right." He hadn't told about the telegram. "I got word from Joy today. They'll be up here pretty soon." He thought about it. "They'll be married, Steve, I figure."

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by HAROLD CHANNING WIRE

WNU RELEASE

## Nevada City Bond Sales Total $181,936

Curren Heath, chairman of the Fifth War Loan Drive, reported Saturday that Nevada City had subscribed to $181,936 of bonds as against its quota of $266,000. Of that amount $39,526 was in Series E bonds, falling short of the assigned quota by $20,000.

Placing of orders by several large corporations, Heath said, is expected to reduce the unsold remainder of the quota, and he believes that the Series E bond sales will eventually reach the quota assigned.

## Funeral Services Today For Miss Sarah Groves

Funeral services will take place in the Holmes Funeral Home chapel tomorrow at 10 a. m. for the late Miss Sarah Ann Groves, who died Friday morning. Rev. Cedric Porter will conduct the service. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Miss Groves was born in Nevada City 77 years ago. She was a daughter of the late W. C. Groves, an early day funeral director and spent practically all of her life in Nevada City. Her sister, Mrs. Mary Campbell, who attended her last illness, is the only surviving near relative.

## Angelo Zugnoni Is Borne To Rest

Funeral services were held this morning under the direction of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary for the late Angelo Zugnoni in St. Patrick's Church with Rev. William Horgan officiating. Zugnoni passed away Thursday. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Zugnoni, a native of Italy, was 61 years of age. He had spent 37 years in this country most of them as a miner. He was a member of the Mine Workers Protective League. At one time he was engaged in business in Reno, but latterly made his residence here.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Agelina Zugnoni, and a son, Arnolda Zugnoni, both in Italy.

## Alleghany Miner Will Rest In Grass Valley

Funeral services for the late Eric Enlund, a miner who passed away Thursday night in Alleghany, Sierra County, will be held in the Holmes Funeral Home chapel Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery Grass Valley.

Enlund was a native of Finland, aged 64 years, coming to the United States when a young man. He had been employed in the Original Sixteen to One and Tightner Mines of Alleghany for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Beulah Enlund and a stepson. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Gus Matson of Coleville, Washington.

## Mrs. Malvina Strombs Funeral This Afternoon

Mrs. Malvina Edith Stombs, 310 Lost Hill Avenue, who passed away late Thursday night, will be borne to rest following funeral services in Holmes Funeral Home chapel this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. David Ralston will conduct the obsequies and interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Stombs was a native of Nevada City, aged 77 years. Until she retired from active life she had taken a keen interest in all community affairs. She was the widow of the late William H. Stombs and a sister of the late county supervisor, Richard Eddy.

### CORPORAL WEDS KENTUCKY GIRL

Corporal Harold Knack, resident of New York where he entered the army, and Miss Letha Mae Roberts of Louiseville, Kentucky, were married Saturday evening in the Methodist parsonage of Grass Valley by Rev. Mark Pike. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. George Knack of Union Hill. Corporal Knack is now stationed at Fort Ord.

## Julius Kichner Dies Of Heart Attack

The body of Julius H. Kirchner, whose wife found him dead alongside an irrigation ditch on his farm three miles north of this city on the Bloomfield road Thursday afternoon, will be laid to rest in the family plot in a Reno cemetery.

Coroner Alvah Hooper and Deputy Sheriff Carl Larsen, summoned to the ranch, agreed that the cause of death was probably an acute heart attack, to which he had been subject. Kirchner had resided on the farm six years.

The deceased was a native of Indiana, aged 63 years. He was a member of the Reno Lodge of Elks. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ida M. Kirchner and three sisters in Indiana.

Hooper and Weaver Mortuary prepared the remains for burial.

## Graveside Services For Late Louie Kronberg

Graveside services were held today under direction of Holmes and Myers Funeral Home for the late Louie Krongberg who passed away in a Nevada City hospital after two years of illness.

Krongberg was a laborer and had lived in Grass Valley for 13 years. He was a native of Switzerland, aged 46 years, and had no known relatives in this country.

## CHMA Will Hold July Meeting In Colfax

The July meeting of the California Hydraulic Mining Association will take place tomorrow in the Colfax Hotel. The usual round table luncheon will precede the meeting at 1 p. m.

### HUNTING LICENSES AND DEER TAGS

Hunting licenses and deer tags for the current season have now been distributed to licensed agents, according to H. R. Dunbar, chief of the Bureau of Licenses of the Division of Fish and Game. Chief Dunbar urges nimrods to obtain licenses early and avoid the last minute rush which has previously occurred at the counters of the licensed agents which include the touring department of the National Automobile Club and local sporting goods stores.

### GRASS AND BRUSH FIRE

Grass and brush covering several acres adjacent to the Tahoe Ukiah Highway wefe burned over Thursday evening. The fire occured about a mile west of Grass Valley but was quickly extinguished by State Division of Forestry fire trucks and chews aided by the Grass Valley fire department.

### BLIMPS TO SPOT TUNA

Schools of tuna and albacore will lead the life of a provedbial goldfish bowl dweller this summer. Navy blimps will patrol the Southern California coastline in search of the water inhabitants, reports the outing department of the National Automobile Club, and will radio their location to San Pedro and San Diego fishermen.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF NEVADA COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County will convene in regular session as a Board of Equalization on Monday, July 3rd, 1944, at 10 o'clock a. m. and will continue in session as such board up to and including July 17th, 1944, for the purpose of equalizing the assessment roll of the County of Nevada.

Any taxpayer of the said County of Nevada who is desirous of filing an objection to his assessment as made by the county assessor may appear before the said Board and present the same or said assessment will remain the same as set out in full on the rolls of Nevada County as prepared by the County Assessor.

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**Leland Smith—**

Pfc. Leland Smith in training at Treasure Island spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith on Clay street. Leland is studying to be a radio technician and likes the work.

**Max Solaro—**

Latest news of Max Solaro, SeaBee, now stationed in Hawaii is that he is working hard on a large construction job. He has been able to see considerable of the island since arriving there several months ago. He enjoyed a nice little party recently when he met with Joe Sbaffi, Dee Eckles of this city and Painter of Grass Valley. Many souvenirs, gifts and bead necklaces for wife and daughter are arriving every few days.

**Francis Lewis—**

Francis Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lewis of Willow Valley, walked into his home Tuesday to surprise his parents. He was with the Texas cavalry on Los Negros in the Admiralties and was wounded in action in March. He was in a hospital for some time before being sent to the United States. He will spend a twelve day visit here and return to a U. S. hospital for further treatment.

**William Lewis—**

William Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lewis of Willow Valley, has written home he was in on the invasion of the European mainland on D-Day. He has been in the U. S. Navy some time and was stationed in waters around England.

**Herbert Lewis—**

Herbert Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lewis in service, is in the U. S. air force stationed in England. Alvin Lewis, youngest and fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis is in the U. S. navy and stationed near Seattle.

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Mrs. Luther Marsh and daughter Germaine spent Saturday in Sacramento.


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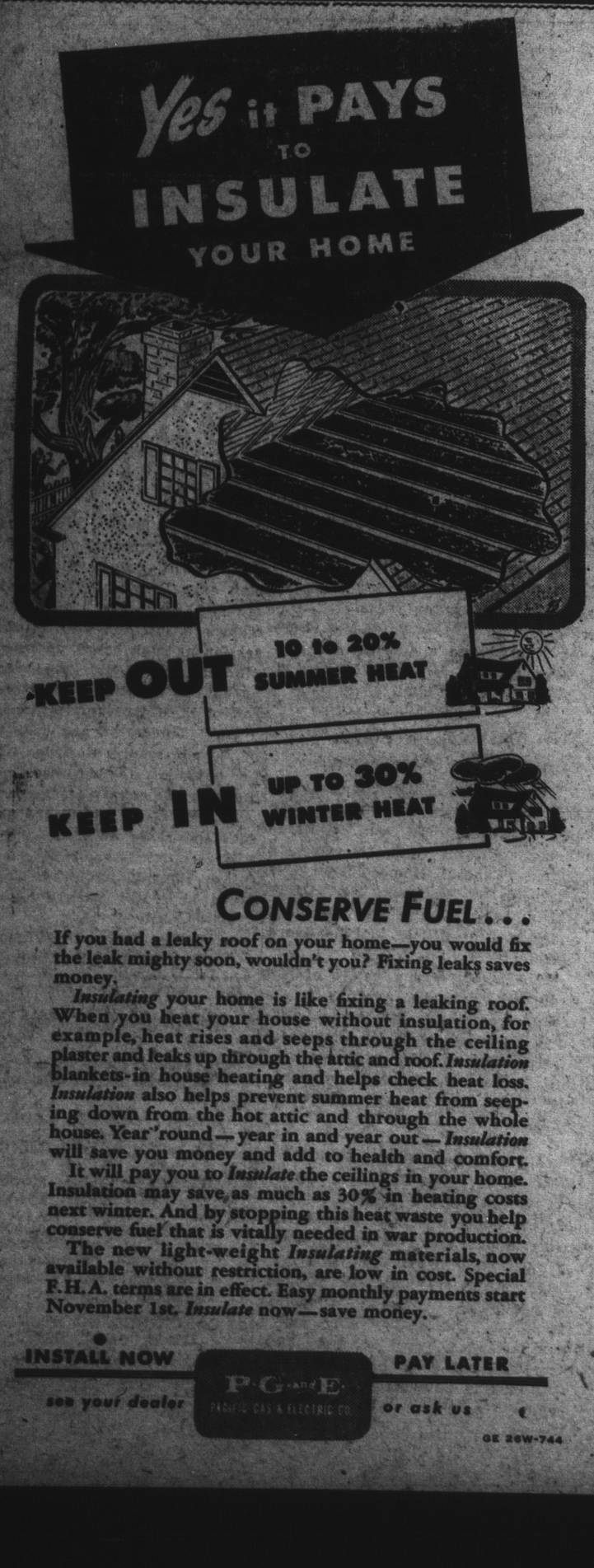


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# POWER PLANT AT SHASTA DAM TO START JULY 14

California's supply of electric energy for war industries and for the peace time agricultural and industrial development of the state will be substantially increased on July 14 when two generators of 150,000 kilowatts capacity are officially placed in operation in the huge 375,000 kilowatt power plant at Shasta Dam.

Under high priority orders of the WPB, Shasta Dam, Shasta Power Pland and the Shasta-Oroville transmission line are being rushed to completion on an emergency construction program to insure an adequate supply of electric energy for California war industries.

To insure maximum usefulness of the dam and power plant for war, the WPB is keeping a careful check on the amount of water released from Shasta Lake for irrigation, in relation to the requirements of storage for the production of power. The expansion of the war fronts is increasing the requirements for oil, and every kilowatt of hydroelectric power produced releases for driect war use critical fuel otherwise required for the steam generation of electric power.

During a ceremony at Shasta Power Plant on July 14, Secretary of Interior Ickes will close a switch at 11:43 a. m. starting one of the great generators spinning out its hydroelectric destiny. Assistant Commissioner of Reclamation William E. Warne, representing Commissioner Harry W. Bashore, will accompany Ickes to California for this signal event in the history of the west. The state will be represented at the celebration by Governor Warren or by an officially designated representative. Members of the state legislature and county officials, as well as many other distinguished citizens, have been invited to attend.

From 11:15 to 11:45 a. m. Pacific War Time on July 14, the Mutral network on a nation wide hookup will broadcast the program direct from the Shata Power Plant. Charles E. Carey, regional director of the bureau of reclamation, and Ralph Lowry, construction engineer of the dam, will be hosts for the occasion.

Shasta Dam, at the top of its class of public works in size and in its contribution to the welfare of the state and nation, already blocking the unruly Sacramento River, has curbed its potential flood waters, and for months has regulated releases of stored water into the river on a schedule determined by the over all needs of farmers in the Sacramento Valley. The operating schedule of releases which is on a day to day basis, is determined by close cooperative actoin between officials of the U. S. bureau of reclamation office at Colusa, and the farmers of the area whose operations are affected by the gage height of the river.

Releases from Shasta Lake also will minimize in a dry year the danger of salt water intrusion into the delta channels where waters of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers commingle before flowing into Suisun bay. This renowned agricultural area depends on fresh water in the channels of the delta for its irrigation water.

The first concrete was poured in Shasta Dam on July 8, 1940, and since then work has gone on night and day. Although not all of the 6,500,000 cubic yards of concrete are in place, Shasta Dam is the second most massive structure ever built by man. While Shasta Dam already is erators with space for the ultimate ple purposes for which it was designed one of its principal war time functions starts on July 14, with the commencement of electric power production.

The Shasta Power Plant is equipped with two 75,000 kilowatt generators with space for the lutimate installation of 3 more of the same size, two of which were manufactured in 1943 and loaned to Grand Coulee Power Plant, where they are in war service in the Pacific Northwest. The final unit was partially built when the war production board halted its construction. Complete power plant installation will be made at the close of the war. Two 2,500 kilowatt station service generators are in service to provide electricity for dam and power plant operations.

Water storage began in Shasta Lake on December 30, 1943, when the diversion tunnel gates were partially closed. The tunnel under the west abutment of the dam was used first by the Southern Pacific Railroad, prior to its relocation outside of the reservoir area, and later was used to divert the flow of the river while concrete was poured in the center or spillway section of the dam. The tunnel is plugged now with nearly a thousand feet of concrete, and releases from Shasta Lake are made through power penstocks or through outlet tubes installed in the spillway section of the dam. In normal operation, these outlets will release water from the lake for downstream use when the lake level is below the height at which it spills or when the power plant is not in operation.

Since January 1 of this year, Shasta Lake has attained a length of 30 miles, with water at the upstream face of the dam 325 feet deep. The reservoir will cover 29,600 acres, and will store 4 1-2 million acre feet of water.

When the top jagged center portion is squared off with concrete, Shasta Dam's crescent-shaped, 602 feet tall bulk will be ready for the first spill, perhaps next summer, when a waterfall 350 feet wide may plunge down 480 feet, almost three times the height of Niagara Falls. Water stored at Shasta Dam is water under control for benefiial use.

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## *Personal*

Guy Robinson of Penn Valley delivered a load of hay to Wild Plum ranger station near Sierra City for Packer Joe Williams. While there Robinson made a trip to his mountain range and repaired the cabin as he expects to take in his main herd of stock in the near future.

Mrs. W. E. Beatty returned to Sanger Wednesday after a visit over the 4th with her mother, Mrs. George Downey, and other relatives. She was accompanied by her niece, Elizabeth Wilson, who will visit with her for a time.

Jack Curry, who is employed at a mine in Calaveras County, is enjoying a several day visit here in his home.

Attorney A. J. Just of Sierra County and Mrs Just returned to their home in Downieville this week after a few days vacation in the bay district.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peterson and daughter, of Sacramento spent the July 4th holidays in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tourtellotte, Mrs. Harry Luschen and Mrs. May Gray attended the funeral of the late Will Davis in Sacramento Wednesday.

Supervisor A. E. Pezzola of Downieville, passed through this city enroute home the latter part of the week from attending the supervisors convention in Sacramento.

Bob Moscatelli, mine owner and operator of the Washington area, spent several days last week in Nevada City visiting relatives.

Marvin Weeks, with the U. S. navy spent a short leave here with relatives and friends and returned to his base near Los Angeles.

W. P. Clerkin, retired stockman of the French Corral district was a business visitor in Nevada City Thursday. He expects to do some gravel mining as soon as water can be secured for his district for gravel properties.

Supervisors C. S. Arbogast, Frank Rowe, Jerome Coughlan and Warren O'Dell of Nevada County attended the supervisors county convention in Sacramento last week. All were able to make the trip except Supervisor Alex Robertson of the Truckee area.

Mrs. Hazel Shepard and sister, Mrs. Mary Wallace and son, of Napa are visiting with their mother, Mrs. Lulu Jones of Nevada Street.

Mrs. H. F. Sofge left Sacramento to visit for a time with her daughter and son. Mr. and Mrs. Sofge are comfortably settled in their newly purchased home on Clay street. Mr. and Mrs. W. Polkinghorn, who purchased the Sofge property in Willow Valley have started remodeling the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams and son Albert and wife, of Esparto spent the July 4th holiday visiting Mrs. Williams brother, F. M. Lewis and family in Willow Valley. Miss Phyllis Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, accomuanied them home for a two weeks visit and vacation.

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## JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder as the twinkling stars
March onward through the midnight sky,
What great disorder would accrue
If one of them should go awry.
If just one orb should dash right out,
All traffic lights and signs defying
That there would be a great melee
There's no use denying.

Somewhere along the obscured trails followed by primitive man in ages of the past, there came to him "a sense of law and beauty;" Gradually he became inquisitively aware of his surroundings and lifting his eyes from the more understandable objects with which he came in contact, he gazed with emotions of wonder and admiration upon the starlit realm of space.

From that time onward, down through the centuries, the mind of man has walked among the stors, boldly skirting the shores of infinitude and meeting with new and vastly more amazing adventures at every forward step.

In the grey dawn of human history, the heavenly orbs were regarded as mere points of light set in the darkened vault of night. Centuries later, astrologers, seers and savants observed and named the constellations, to which they ascribed power to influence the lives and fortunes of the little creature called man.

The discoveries and inventions of Galileo and other scientists of his time, created a burning desire for further knowledge. The mind of man began the conquest of new frontiers. The tide of years flowed on.

Today we have the exact and exacting science of astronomy, served by those who aided by telescopes of unbelievable power, explore our solar system to its utmost boundaries and venture far out into the stellar spaces beyond, to acquaint the world with facts and figures which astound the intellect and dwarf the wildest imaginings of men into puerile insignificance.

Is there anything in the realm of creation more profundly amazing than the revelations of astronomy? Yes, I think so. Consider the mind of man that walks among the stars—the mind of man that weighs and measures the heavenly bodies, determines their distances one from another, analyzes their component elements, predicts their movements and defines the mighty forces which hold them to their predestined pathways and marshalls them in orderly procession through the fields of limitless space.

Yes, the mind of man is truly greater than anything else in all the universe—the mind of man that dreams and finds a way to make those dreams come true. Consider the mind of man, its powers of good and evil and its transcendant visions and in those considerations will be found the answer to the world's problems, its needs and its worthy aspirations.

Of course the mind of man can plan its dream world of peace and good will, the same mind that follows the trail of stellar infinitude can most surely blaze a way into a future of decency and order and make of this tiny planet a homeland worthy of the name, wherein human progrsess, unimpeded by mad men, can build with assurance that better world that is to be.—A. Merriam Conner.

# MORE HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE DRESSINGS

Mrs. R. W. Renfree, action chairman the surgical dressings unit of the Red Cross, states that the new quota has just been received and that to complete it on time, will require more volunteers in the room donated for this service in the city hall.

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## Grass Valley Sales Of Bonds Ttotals 264,274

Grass Valley has raised almost 50 per cent of its Fifth War Loan quota, Miss Betty Elredge, chairman, said Saturday. The total subscribed is $264,274.91 and the quota assigned is $536,000.

The Grass Valley Business and Professional Women's Club, of which Miss Eldredge is also president, is putting on a 100 per cent drive during which members personally solicit home owners.

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**BORN**

HAIGH—In Nevada City, Nevada County, July 1, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Haigh of Grass Valley. a son.

GEORGE—In Nevada City, Nevada County, July 5, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. George of Grass Valley, a son.

ORZALLI—In Nevada City, Nevada County, July 6, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Orzalli, a daughter.


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